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TO MEET AN IMPERATIVE NEED

While no positive announcement has yet been made from official sources, it seems fairly certain that Governor Pleasant will, within a few days, issue the long-expected call for a special session of the legislature to make such modifications of what is called the "widow's dower" law as will permit the Federal Loan bank to lend money to the farmers of Louisiana.

While there are some people who object to any change in the "widow's dower" law, mistaking inertia for conservatism, the great majority of Louisianians are convinced that the desired change will be of great benefit to the state's farming population without diminishing in the slightest the widow's security against want.

Certainly, there can be no criticism of such a modification in the law which removes it as a bar against the loaning of federal money to farmers at such a low rate of interest and to be repaid on such long time and easy terms, that no money-lending enterprise in Louisiana can compete with them.

Those who have obtained a "close-up" view of the Louisiana legislature in action at Baton Rouge, can understand Gov. Pleasant's reluctance to call the honorable body together. Legislatures have a way of getting into strange by-ways of lawmaking and needlessly prolonging their sessions.

A letter from the National Jewelers' vigilance committee informs us that the campaign against the purchase of platinum jewelry and ornaments on the ground that the government needs the platinum is all wrong, and copy of an official letter is enclosed which states that there is plenty of platinum available for governmental needs.

New York patriots who will balk but will not enlist are digging up Speaker Clark's argument against the conscription bill as something to his discredit. This is no time to start proscription lists in the United States.

The "don't-wait-to-be-drafted" line of appeal made prominent by existing military units seeking recruits ought to be dropped. The men who registered for military service yesterday are answering the call of the government in the manner prescribed by the government, and are performing just as patriotic an act as those who offer their services.

The proposed number of wooden towers for training the new army has been reduced from 32 to 16. The southern units will be lodged under canvas and will undergo genuine in tent-ice training.

Among the mitigations of the horrors of war is that the five cent cuts of pie at the restaurants are smaller.

Jack Barnett, called the "Rockefeller of the Indians" by romantic minded newspaper correspondents, whose income is said to be \$600,000 a year, says he will put his money in Liberty bonds. It's a safe bet that he will give up more of his wealth to the investment than his white prototype.

If the Prince of Wales desires a non-Ten-tonic bride, why doesn't he select an American millionairess? With the King trade in such a shaky condition, a queen with a bank account would be mighty handy to have around.

Subjects of Great Britain who live in the United States will be given a chance to do their share of the fighting. A British recruiting mission has arrived and is laying plans to enlist their aid. It is stated that there are 800,000 of them who have not rushed over to Canada to volunteer their services.

It may yet be necessary to put a censor at work to keep American news from leaking through from Germany.

Girl telegraph messengers may be all right, but who's going to keep the cigarette industry going?

LOUISIANA OPINION

The Pleasure of Gardening

Ruston Leader: Garden work introduces you to the personality of the different food plants and the true enthusiast feels a keen interest in all their ways. The gardener who watches all these different habits comes to look on his plants as a kind of family in which all must be nursed and trained according to their individual temperaments.

Should Put It Over This Time

Lake Providence Banner-Democrat: New Orleans exchanges and business men are very anxious to revive the river traffic. This is the same old song they have sung for a time, and on the strength of it companies have been formed and boats have made a few trips and then gone to the bank from the fact that the New Orleans merchants would fail to give them support they promised and pledged.

Suspicious Help

St. Bernard Voice: The high cost of living continues, despite the new crops and the "assurances" of members of the largest exchanges in the country that they would co-operate with the government to put a stop to food-control manipulations. Now, it would require some argument to disabuse our mind of the belief that some of these exchange members are wolves in sheep's clothing, and are largely responsible for the fact that the masses are being slowly driven to starvation through prohibitive prices of foodstuffs.

Would It Reform Them?

Assumption Pioneer: The big photo play "Intolerance" is one that every reformer ought to see. It tells a true story of what self-appointed "buttskies" can do.

Should Have Harried Labor Agents

Madison Journal: We regret to see the misplaced energy wasted in Saint Louis in shooting up a number of poor negroes who migrated to that section under promises of big pay and better treatment. The venom of the Saint Louis people could with more reason be directed against the scoundrel labor agents who have induced these negroes to leave the south in order to collect a few dollars per head on them.

As to Law Enforcement

Abbeville Meridional: We have no desire to have the fiery editor of the Kinder Tribune astride of our neck for daring to reproduce this charge and do not vouch for its correctness. However, we do not hesitate to say that an able and upright District Judge who will uphold the law and select an honest jury commission will likewise do their duty in picking good men to serve as venire men, backed up by a fearless district attorney can enforce the law anywhere and hell itself is not barred.

THE SEA EAGLE'S GAME.



—Carter in Philadelphia Press.

ITEMS OUT OF THE ORDINARY FROM THE DAY'S COURT GRIND

The second trial of the damage suit brought by Dr. Clarence E. Pierson, head of the East Louisiana hospital for the insane, against the Times-Picayune Publishing company, was resumed yesterday afternoon in Judge Skinner's division of the civil district court.

A transcript of the evidence taken during the first trial of the case is being read to the jury, and will occupy the hours from 1 to 4 o'clock in the afternoon for a couple of weeks' time. Some new evidence may be introduced through witnesses, so a decision is not probable until about June 20.

The suit eventually will find its way to the supreme court, which in a civil action has the authority to pass on both the law and the evidence. Should the jury disagree a second time, however, the trial of the case will be postponed until fall, as the summer vacation starts shortly.

PORTER MENTIONED FOR BENCH

Natchitoches Jurist in Line for Supreme Court Job: Judge Charles V. Porter, of Natchitoches, who is a member of the circuit court of appeals for the northern district, is being mentioned as a probable successor to the late Justice A. D. Land, of the supreme court, who died Monday after a two weeks' illness.

Under the provisions of Act 137 of 1904, a vacancy on the supreme court bench made by death, resignation or other cause, is to be filled by appointment of a judge from the court of appeals bench outside the district in which the vacancy occurs. Judge Porter of Natchitoches resides in the northern part of the State, but not in the district from which Justice Land was elected.

Following were the new suits filed in civil court yesterday:

Airay and Stone vs. Bob H. McGinnis, note, \$1,234; Mantel Establie vs. Jos. Fabacher, partition; emancipation of Miss Varonina Larrogne; succession of Mrs. Frank Scheldorn; Thomas L. Kelly vs. W. C. Beck Co., Inc., claim, \$301.44; Leonard C. Vacher vs. Charles Provanzo, executory process, \$3,000; succession of George Lampron Macbay; Virginia Gallagher vs. James Washington, divorce; Mrs. Jake Benno vs. George P. Kula, provisional seizure, \$210.

WILL OF LOCAL ATHLETE FILED

Macleay Property Goes to Resident of Edinburgh, Scotland: The will of George Cameron Macleay, a local Marathon runner, who was killed in the battle of the Somme last fall, was filed for probate yesterday. The \$176 property that he leaves in New Orleans goes to Donald B. Murray, of 12 Caledonian Place, Edinburgh, the will stating

that Macleay used Murray's money for his investments here, and was buying for the latter, Mrs. Rose L. Arnold, who conducts the "Quatro Seasons" tobacco shop at 625 Chartres Street, is named as executrix.

Macleay was a native of Scotland, but a naturalized American citizen. He carried off a number of athletic trophies while a resident of this city, including a Marathon race in the Y. M. C. C. After the outbreak of the war he enlisted in the English army, serving in Egypt, at Gallipoli and later in France, where he was killed in the battle of the Somme last August.

ALLEGES HE WAS FORCED INTO THE PENITENTIARY

Dave Hooper, who is serving a sentence in the state penitentiary from Calcasieu parish for robbing a box-car, has applied for a pardon. He alleges that a false confession was wrung from him by Sheriff Reid. Hooper's brother, who was charged jointly with him, was acquitted on the trial of the case.

CUT GERMAN COURSES

MILWAUKEE, Wis., June 5.—According to School Director G. W. Augustyn, it is costing Milwaukee \$150,000 annually to teach German in the public schools of the city. A movement has been started to abolish the teaching of German, particularly in the graded schools. It is charged that the teaching of German in the schools of this country is only a part of a world-wide movement to foster and encourage German influence and propaganda.

VOTED TO BUY LIBERTY BONDS

The New Orleans Woman's Club voted to purchase a \$100 Liberty Loan bond at its meeting Monday. Mrs. A. H. Johnson, the president, appointed the following chairman of standing committees: Executive, Miss Marion Brown; house, Mrs. Louise Hyatt; credentials, Mrs. A. O. Bowney; finance, Mrs. E. J. Graham; press, Mrs. E. Lee Hawes; junior auxiliary, Mrs. J. S. Caver; social, Mrs. J. M. Dresser; philanthropic, Mrs. Henry Alous; athletic, Mrs. H. W. E. Walthor; immigration, Mrs. Anna R. Nesom; literature, Mrs. J. B. Morton, Jr.; music, Mrs. Fred B. T. The following members were elected: Mrs. Harry Spind, Miss Rose Montlozin, Mrs. H. Lindsey Stecken, Mrs. L. Gird, Jr., Mrs. F. J. Schwah, Mrs. T. S. Bohre, Mrs. J. S. Hart, Mrs. Albert Frankenshush, Mrs. W. E. Bernady, Mrs. John F. Livingston and Miss Nesnes.

IN DANGER OF DEATH PENALTY

Laredo, Tex., June 5.—Three army deserters who fled with their arms into Mexico, May 23, will be tried for treason, with death sentences as possible punishment, it was stated here. The deserters were captured after a flight of eighteen miles from Nuevo Laredo and placed in jail by Mexican authorities, their arms being returned to military commanders here the night of May 29. The three now are in hands of federal officers here.

AUTO HITS MESSENGER BOY

John Mais, 15-year-old Western Union messenger, was knocked from his bicycle at Chartres and Canal streets yesterday by an automobile owned and operated by Albert Loy, of Kenner. The boy was taken to the Charity hospital. His injury is not serious.

CULMINATION OF THE COLLEGE YEAR RUSSIANS STICK TO PEACE TERMS

Tens of thousands to the number of almost 200 will be graduated this morning at the annual commencement exercises to be held in the French opera house. After marching down the aisle the graduation class will take its place on the stage.

The program follows: Invocation, (By Rev. Alfred B. Berkeley, Music, Alumni address, Dr. Oscar Walter Botha of the class of 1911.

Music, Address on "The Progress of Tu-lane," Dr. Robert Sharp, president of the university.

Music, Report of Dr. Charles Chassaing, dean of the graduate school of medicine.

Presentation of candidates for baccalaureate degrees in the college of arts and sciences, Dr. Albert B. Dimwidie, dean of the college.

Presentation of candidates for engineering degrees in the college of technology, Professor W. H. P. Croighton, dean.

Presentation of candidates for baccalaureate degrees and for diplomas in art and science in the Sophie Novakovich memorial college, President Brandt V. B. Dixon.

Presentation of candidates for baccalaureate degrees in the course for teachers, Professor J. Adair Lyon, chairman of the committee of university extension.

Presentation of candidates for degrees in the graduate department, Professor Pierce Butler, dean of the faculty of graduate studies.

Presentation of candidates for degree of bachelor of laws, Professor E. J. Northrup, dean of the law school.

Presentation of candidates for degree of doctor of medicine and degree of graduate in pharmacy, Dr. Isadore Dyer, dean of the school of medicine and of pharmacy.

Presentation of candidates for degree of doctor of public health, Dr. W. H. Seeman, dean of the school of hygiene.

Presentation of candidates for degree of doctor of dental surgery, Dr. Wallace Wood, Jr., dean of the school of dentistry.

Benediction, Orchestra selection, "Marche Francaise."

The commencement work committee is: Professor E. J. Northrup, chairman; Miss Susan D. Tow, Professors H. B. Gessner, James Adair Lyon, Leon Ryder Maxwell, J. C. Ransmeier, Wallace Wood and R. K. Bruff, registrar.

J. B. Robinson, vice president of the class of 1918, chief of dentistry, chairman of the reception committee.

The school is dentistry is also represented by W. F. Jarrell, J. B. Lescoe, R. S. McKeithan and H. I. Robinson.

The college of arts and sciences is represented by Walter Carroll, R. S. Chend, Jr., E. D. McCutcheon and E. F. Marx.

The college of law by A. S. Alban, P. A. Miller, E. D. Saunders and H. S. Weil.

The college of technology by C. H. Hammett, J. T. Hirsch, F. B. Ludlow and James Todd.

GOVERNMENTS LUMBER NEEDS

Two Billion Feet Within the Next Two Years: A Washington dispatch says that two billion feet of lumber will be required within the next year for war purposes, according to an estimate Monday by the lumber committee of the council of national defense.

Sixteen army contingents will take about 500,000,000 feet of the wooden shipbuilding programme 100,000,000 feet, navy training camps 200,000,000 feet and the aviation school contingents 120,000,000 feet. Smaller quantities will be required for army wagons, gun stocks and various kinds of military equipment.

The committee issued a statement saying there need be no fear that the lumber market would be badly disturbed.

"Actually this amount will not exceed six per cent of one year's lumber production of this country," said the statement. "If there is any difficulty at all it will be that of transportation."

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Petrograd, June 5, via London.—The council of elders and workmen's delegates today sent a long statement to the Socialist parties and central federations of trade unions of the world repeating its appeal of March 28 to the peoples of the world to unite in resolute action in favor of peace, an aim which it inscribed on its banner: "Peace without annexations or indemnities on the basis of rights of nations to decide their own destiny."

It has been learned that the publication here of the rejoinder of the United States government to Russia's note respecting the arms of the United States in the war is being deferred pending the receipt of similar replies from Great Britain, France and Italy.

A dispatch from Petrograd May 1 said the Russian provisional government had sent the Russian representatives in the entente allied countries a note assuring the allies that the change in the government of Russia does not alter its position in the common struggle for all the entente allies. The note said the government deemed to be its right and duty to declare that Russia did not aim at the denunciation of other nations, at depriving them of their national patrimony or at occupying by force foreign territories, but that its object was to establish a durable peace on the basis of the rights of nations to decide their own destiny.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births: Mrs. Mack Essex, 1821 Musy street, a boy; Mrs. Albert Brandin, Bayou Road, a girl; Mrs. Paul Lacizne, 2128 Amelia street, a boy; Mrs. John Marchere, 522 Saratoga street, a boy; Mrs. Samuel William, 1303 Grand street, a boy; Mrs. Sidney Laube, 2738 Bourbon street, a girl.

Marriages: Calvin Tompkins and Miss Hattie German; Willie Wilson and Miss Emma Smith; Jimmy Jones and Miss Daisy Sammons; Demick White and Miss Amelia Elk.

Deaths: Raymond Saunders and Miss Florence Partridge; William Morris and Miss Delia Vin; William Klute and Miss Amelia Benis; Leon Calozano and Miss Louise Casillon; Lewis Eicke and Miss Elsie Schueler; Foster Lewis and Miss Florence Overstreet; Thomas Archer and Miss May Schmeidler.

Deaths: Mrs. A. Boyd, 80 years, 821 Ursuline street; Miss Leonie Holt, 15 years, 402 St. Charles street; Peter Maus, 54 years, 5600 Laurel street; Mrs. J. Navailles, 68 years, 275 Ursuline street; J. Roeder, 41 years, 533 Sanguin street; Mrs. W. M. Mammie Ruth, 85 years, 2544 Seventh street; Carter Dangois, 2 years, 2573 Sanguin street; Mrs. W. L. Robert Jahn, 71 years, 304 S. Robert street; O. Peterson, 50 years; H. Waldstone, 25 years, West End; Mrs. Mary Grandjean, 2663 Jefferson Davis Parkway.

JUDICIAL ADVERTISEMENT: ANGELO PRIMAVERA vs. C. A. LEZIN, 40349 DISTRICT ATTORNEY WILLIAM H. BRYANT FOR THE PARTIES OF OCEANS STATE OF LOUISIANA No. 10227.

IN REPLY CERTIFY THAT on the 30th day of May, 1917, judgment was rendered in the above case, the court, concurring in the law, and the evidence to be taken in favor of plaintiff, entering him in the books provided for and for the reasons this day orally assigned.

IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that there be judgment herein in favor of Angelo Primavera, plaintiff, and against C. A. Lezin, Defendant, for the sum of one hundred and twenty dollars, with interest thereon from the date of this judgment, to be paid by the defendant.

JUDGMENT RENDERED IN OPEN COURT THIS 30th DAY OF MAY, 1917. (Signed) W. H. BRYANT, District Attorney. IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said court, at the City of New Orleans, this 30th day of May, in the year of our Lord, one thousand, nine hundred and seventeen.

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FIGALLO'S 52 YEARS LIFE Best Italian Restaurant in City 722 IBERVILLE ST. Anthony Guiffria, Prop.